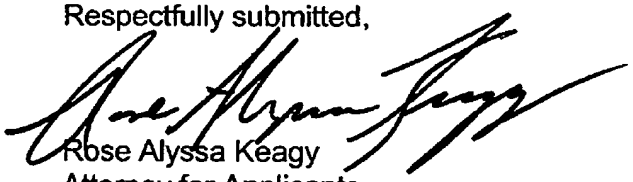
REMARKS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful examination of this application and respectfully request the entry of the amendments indicated hereinabove. The Applicants also thank the Examiner for the indication of allowance of Claims 13-16 and 18-26.

Claims 13-26 are pending and Claims 17 is rejected. The Applicants amend Claim 17 hereinabove in response to the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection. This application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration is requested. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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